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SUBJECT: INCO KUWAIT INDUSTRIALIZATION PROGRAM

REF: KUWAIT 1272 AND PREVIOUS

SUMMARY EMBASSY INFORMED THAT UN WILL ASSIST GOK IN IMPLEMENTATION KUWAIT INDUSTRIALIZATION POLICY. THEREFORE NOW SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT USG OR IESC WILL BE ASKED TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE DIRECTLY TO MINISTRY COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY. NEVERTHELESS GOK HOPES LOCAL PRIVATE ENTREPRENEURS WILL BE ABLE ATTRACT FOREIGN PRIVATE PARTNERS SO THAT FOREIGN EXPERTISE CAN BE TAPPED. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBOFF RECENTLY DISCUSSED GOK INDUSTRIAL POLICIES WITH ASSISTANT UDER SECRETARY FOR INDUSTRY, MOHAMMAD MADOOH. MADOOH ALSO CHAIRS INTERMINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRY. EMBOFF ASKED ABOUT STATUS UNDP/ UNIDO PROGRAM IN KUWAIT AND INQUIRED WHETHER GOK STILL INTERESTED IN USG OR IESC ASSISTANCE IN EVALUATING
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INDUSTRIAL PROPOSALS.

2. MADDOOH SAID THAT HE EXPECTS THE UNDP/ UNIDO PROGRAM TO BEING IN ABOUT A MONTH. THE GOK WILL PAY AND UN WILL PROVIDE FOR TECHNICALASSISTANCE FOR THE CREATION OF AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BUREAU IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(MCI) THE BUREAU WILL HAVE THREE MAIN FUNCTIONS (1) IT WILL EVALUATE PROPOSALS FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR (2) IT WILL SUGGEST NEW PROJECTS (3) IT WILLBINT

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